

Oregon's 1115 Medicaid Waiver

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Today's Agenda

1 | Oregon 1115 Waiver Overview and Changes

Review 1115 Waiver background, history, and goals

2 | Recent Climate Benefit Updates

Review changes to the climate benefit and its timing

3 | What's to Come in 2024

Review engagement opportunities and topics to dive into in 2024

4 | Evaluation Criteria

Share the 1115 Waiver evaluation plan, including development, timing, and intention

Oregon's 1115 Medicaid Waiver



What is a Waiver?

- Each state has their own Medicaid plan that must follow a **standard set of rules determined by the federal government**.
- States can ask the **federal government for permission to change** their Medicaid rules.
- Waivers are an opportunity for states to **test and implement new innovations** using Medicaid funding.
- States **must renew their Medicaid waivers** with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) every five years. CMS can accept or reject proposals.

History of Oregon Waivers

- In **1994 Oregon received approval** to implement Medicaid waivers to make the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) more flexible, provide additional services, and increase the number of individuals covered.
- Oregon's most recent 1115 Medicaid Waiver was **approved for October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2027.**
- Some of Oregon's waiver proposals are still pending negotiation with federal partners.

Oregon 1115 Waiver Goals



GOALS

- Address and advance health equity
- Create a more equitable, culturally and linguistically responsive health care system
- Ensure people can maintain their health coverage
- Improve health outcomes by addressing health-related social needs
- Ensure smart, flexible spending for health-related social needs and health equity



Healthier Oregon OHP members are included in 1115 waiver benefits!

Oregon 1115 Waiver Changes



CHANGES

- Extended Oregon Health Plan (OHP) eligibility for young children, youth, and adults
- Continuous OHP eligibility and enrollment for children up to age six*†
- Two years of continuous enrollment for OHP members ages six and older*†
- Health-related social needs (HRSNs) supports including housing, nutrition and climate benefits*
- Coverage for young adults with special health care needs up to age 26*

* Indicates an approved change that is first-in-the-nation

† Note: These benefits are in effect and began in July 2023

What are Health-Related Social Needs?



Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN): The **social and economic needs that impact an individual's ability** to maintain their health and well-being. For example, affordable housing and utilities, accessible and reliable transportation, and access to healthy, affordable foods.



Oregon's HRSN services:

- Housing support
- Nutrition support
- Climate-related needs
- Outreach & engagement

HRSN-Specific Funding Components

\$119 million approved for **grants for infrastructure and capacity building** to HRSN providers (e.g., community-based organizations, social service agencies, tribal providers, others).

\$904 million available for **HRSN services** to eligible individuals, including:



**Housing
Supports**



**Nutrition
Supports**



**Climate
Supports**



**Outreach &
Engagement**

HRSN Service Provider Overview



DO

- Need to work with a CCO/FFS to invoice for services and be recognized as a service provider
- The registration process is in development
- Need to become a MMIS enrolled Medicaid provider



DO NOT

- Need to be currently enrolled as a Medicaid provider



In Development

- A mechanism for communication to ensure assistance is not being duplicated by other sources that all HRSN providers have access to
- A mechanism that verifies and communicates that a referral has been received and processed by a HRSN provider
- Subcontracting option

Recent Climate Benefit Updates



Climate Benefit Update



Changes to the Upcoming Climate Benefits

- Climate benefits will start in **March 2024**, instead of January 2024.
- It was shared by CMS that it is not possible to distribute climate services prior to an emergency declaration. This limits distribution of devices to a smaller population.

Next Steps

- OHA is working to shift how to deliver resources in a more strategic approach
- OHA will modify contracts with CCOs and develop enrollment processes for HRSN providers.

Climate Benefit Go-Live Resources

Where can members go for additional information?

- CCO OHP members can check with their [CCO](#) for climate supports through "flexible services."
- OHP members unsure of their CCO can contact the Client Services Unit (1-800-273-0557) or email OHP@odhsoha.oregon.gov.
- Open Card OHP members can reach out to their city or [county](#).

Additional information will be shared in the coming weeks on Oregon's 1115 Medicaid waiver **website**, the **waiver newsletter**, and through webinars in **English** and **Spanish**.

What's to Come in 2024



Engagement Opportunities in 2024



- On-going regularly scheduled engagement with HRSN Providers to allow for updates, discussion, and feedback
- Recurring public webinars in English and Spanish, providing 1115 Waiver updates
- On-going monthly opportunities for feedback and discussion with HRSN Partners
- Opportunities for Housing and Nutrition service providers to participate in focused work sessions
- Regularly distributed newsletters and FAQs providing 1115 Waiver updates and resources
- Updated Provider and Member Journey maps to support navigating and delivering 1115 Waiver services

Upcoming Topics

**Overview of the
Housing and
Nutrition Benefits**

**Housing and
Nutrition Service
Definitions**

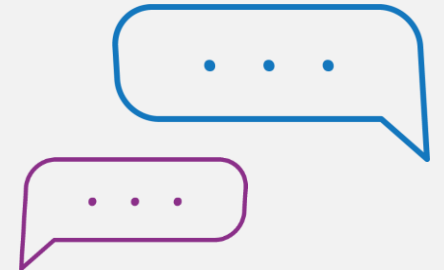
**Relationships and
Workflows
between CCOs
and HRSN Service
Providers**

**Person-Centered
Service Plans**

Member Journey

Provider Journey

Payment



Evaluation Criteria



Evaluating Medicaid Waivers

- Waivers are an opportunity for states to test and implement new innovations using Medicaid funding
- Every 1115 Waiver must be evaluated by an independent party
- The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) provides a starting list of evaluation requirements and must approve the design plans
- Oregon has contracted with **CORE** (the Center for Outcomes Research & Education) to develop evaluation design for the 2022-27 waiver

CORE



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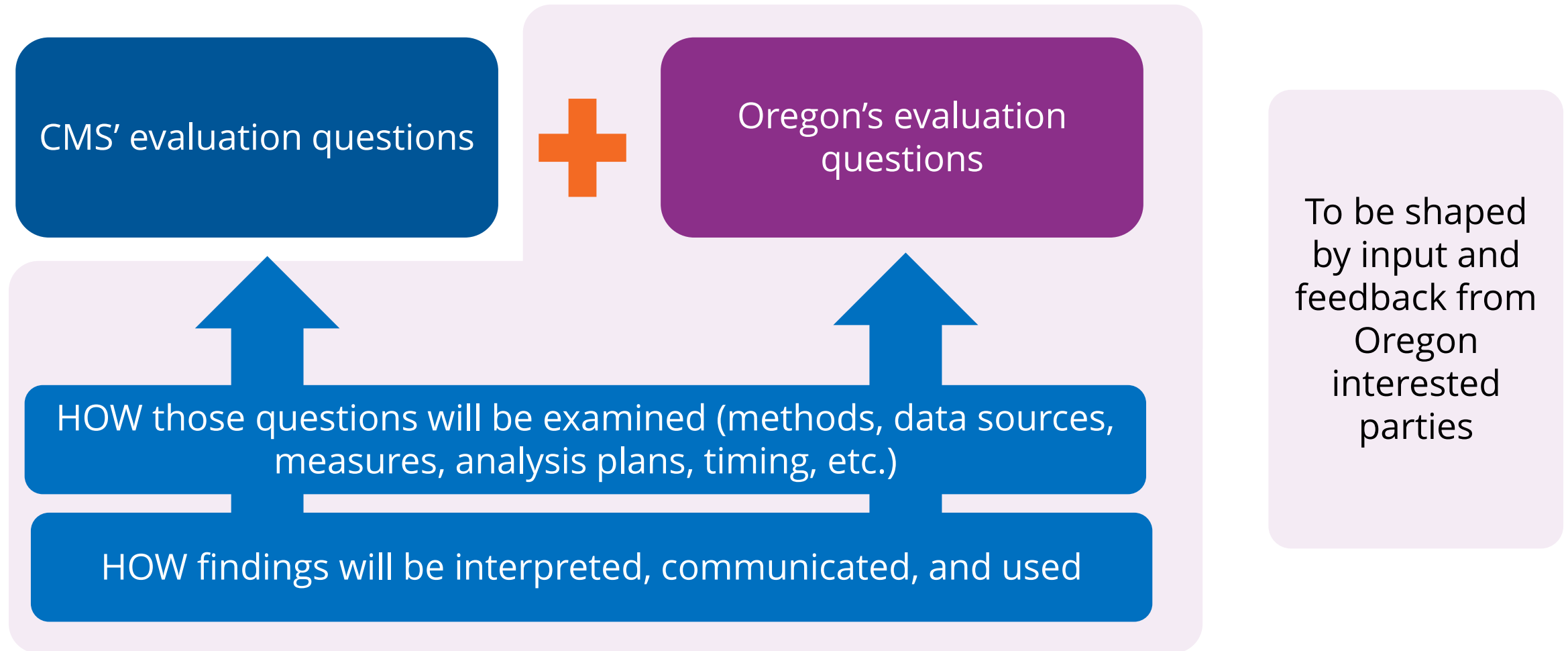


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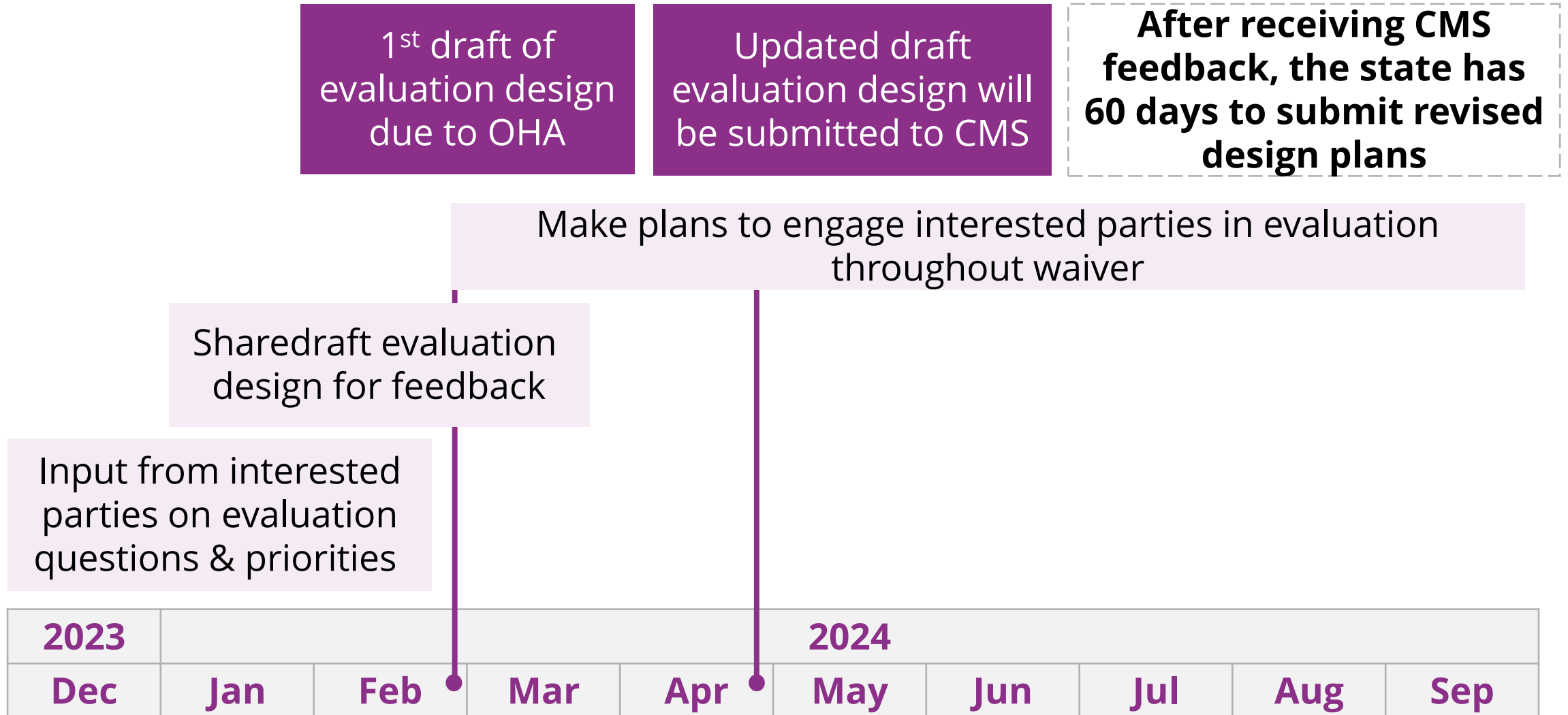


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Building Waiver Evaluation Design Plans



Timing for Evaluation Design Planning



Call for Input!

- What do you hope to learn about the implementation or impact of new waiver policies?
- What changes or challenges are you seeing for waiver policies that are already in place (e.g. continuous eligibility)?
- How can waiver evaluation contribute to advancing health equity in Oregon?
- All other ideas and suggestions welcome!



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Question & Answer



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